



Swanzey, NH

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Town of Swanzey

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County
Labor Market Area
Tourism Region
Planning Commission
Regional Development

Cheshire
Keene NH Micro-NECTA
Monadnock
Southwest Region
Monadnock Economic Development Corp.

Election Districts
US Congress
Executive Council
State Senate
State Representative

District 2
District 5
District 10
Cheshire County Districts 12, 15

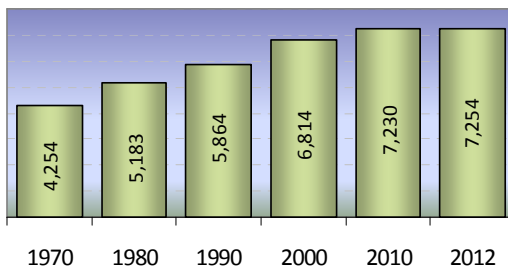
Incorporated: 1753

Origin: This town was one of the fort towns established by Governor Belcher of Massachusetts, and was first granted in 1734 as Lower Ashuelot to Captain Nathaniel Hammond and Ephraim Jones. In 1753, residents petitioned Governor Benning Wentworth for a grant under authority of the New Hampshire government, since they had settled and been making improvements for over 18 years. The town was chartered that year as Swanzey, the name being suggested by Governor Brenton of Rhode Island, who owned land at Brenton's Farm (Litchfield), and Swansea, Massachusetts. There are four covered bridges located in Swanzey: Carleton, Thompson, Slate, and Cresson.

Villages and Place Names: East Swanzey, West Swanzey, Westport, North Swanzey, Swanzey Center



Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 1,157 residents in 1790



Population Trends: Population change for Swanzey totaled 3,628 over 52 years, from 3,626 in 1960 to 7,254 in 2012. The largest decennial percent change was an increase of 22 percent between 1970 and 1980; the smallest, a six percent increase between 2000 and 2010. The 2012 Census estimate for Swanzey was 7,254 residents, which ranked 43rd among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2010 (US Census Bureau): 160.6 persons per square mile of land area. Swanzey contains 45.0 square miles of land area and 0.4 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2013	\$6,401,130
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Zoning Ordinance	1947/13
Master Plan	2006
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions

Elected:	Selectmen; Planning; Zoning; Sewer
Appointed:	Conservation; Swanze Revenue; Economic Dev; Open Space; Old Home Day; Recreation

Public Library **Mt. Caesar Union; Stratton Free**

EMERGENCY SERVICES	
Police Department	Full-time
Fire Department	Full-time Chief & On-Call
Emergency Medical Service	On-Call
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance Staffed Beds
Cheshire Medical Center, Keene	6 miles 140

UTILITIES	
Electric Supplier	PSNH
Natural Gas Supplier	None
Water Supplier	North Swanze Fire Precinct; West Swanze Water Co.
Sanitation	Private septic & municipal
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	Yes
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	Private
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No
Recycling Program	Mandatory
Telephone Company	Fairpoint
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes
Cable Television Access	Yes
Public Access Television Station	Yes
High Speed Internet Service:	Business Residential
	Yes Limited

PROPERTY TAXES (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2012 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$23.96
2012 Equalization Ratio	111.6
2012 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$26.43
2012 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	82.3%
Commercial Land and Buildings	14.4%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	3.3%

HOUSING (ACS 2007-2011)	
Total Housing Units	3,089
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	2,354
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	165
Five or More Units in Structure	356
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	214

DEMOGRAPHICS		(US Census Bureau)
Total Population	Community	County
2012	7,211	76,918
2010	7,230	77,117
2000	6,814	73,993
1990	5,864	70,223
1980	5,183	62,116
1970	4,254	52,364

Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2007-2011

Population by Gender		
Male	3,714	Female 3,520

Population by Age Group	
Under age 5	409
Age 5 to 19	1,317
Age 20 to 34	1,238
Age 35 to 54	2,225
Age 55 to 64	983
Age 65 and over	1,062
Median Age	43.2 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over	
High school graduate or higher	87.8%
Bachelor's degree or higher	31.3%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2007-2011)
Per capita income		\$27,548
Median 4-person family income		\$70,360
Median household income		\$55,901
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers		
Male		\$50,382
Female		\$40,221
Families below the poverty level		0.9%

LABOR FORCE		(NHES – ELMI)
Annual Average	2002	2012
Civilian labor force	3,797	3,911
Employed	3,667	3,712
Unemployed	130	199
Unemployment rate	3.4%	5.1%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES		(NHES – ELMI)
Annual Average Covered Employment	2002	2012
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	363	270
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 590	\$ 904
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	720	1,180
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 544	\$ 607
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	1,083	1,450
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 559	\$ 662
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	701	718
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 538	\$ 690
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	1,784	2,168
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 551	\$ 671

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EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Grades K-12 are part of Monadnock Regional (Fitzwilliam, Gilsum, Richmond, Roxbury, Sullivan, Swanzey, Troy)** District: **SAU 93**

Career Technology Center(s): **The Cheshire Career Center, Keene; Fall Mountain Regional High School - CTE, Langdon; Windham Regional Career Center, Brattleboro, VT** Region: **13**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	2	1	1	
Grade Levels	P K 1-6	7-8	9-12	
Total Enrollment	583	268	568	

Nearest Community College: **River Valley**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Keene State; Franklin Pierce University; Antioch New England**

2012 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **4** Total Capacity: **106**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Nanotech	Ultra-precision machining systems	55	1997
Mold Pro	Thermoplastic injection molding	40	2003
Powers Generator Service, LLC	Generator sales, service, installation	22	1995
Port-O-Lite	Millwork	15	1952
Monadnock Regional School District	Education		1962
Fenton Family Dealerships	Automobile dealership		1985
Market Basket	Supermarket		2010
Town of Swanzey	Municipal services		1753
First Student	Bus transportation		2000
Keene Gas/Titan Propane	Propane sales, service		1860

TRANSPORTATION (*distances estimated from city/town hall*)

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	10, 12, 32
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-91 (VT), Exit 3
	Distance	20 miles
Railroad		No
Public Transportation		No
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Dillant-Hopkins, Keene	Runway	6,201 ft. asphalt
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	Yes
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Manchester-Boston Regional	Distance	60 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		4
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		58 miles
Portland, Maine		155 miles
Boston, Mass.		83 miles
New York City, NY		225 miles
Montreal, Quebec		260 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK(*ACS 2007-2011*)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	86.9%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	7.0%
Public transportation	0.5%
Walked	0.9%
Other means	1.2%
Worked at home	3.5%
Mean Travel Time to Work	19.5 minutes

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2007-2011

Working in community of residence	89.1
Commuting to another NH community	4.5
Commuting out-of-state	6.4

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
X	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
X	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
X	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
X	Museums
	Cinemas
X	Performing Arts Facilities
X	Tourist Attractions
X	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
X	Youth Sports: Baseball
X	Youth Sports: Soccer
X	Youth Sports: Football
X	Youth Sports: Basketball
X	Youth Sports: Hockey
X	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
X	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
X	Bicycle Trails
	Cross Country Skiing
X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps

Nearest Ski Area(s): **Mount Ascutney (VT)**

Other: **Cheshire Fair; Covered Bridges; Old Home Day; Hiking trails; Summer Theatre; Band Concert Series**